

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission September 20, 2004

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Hower
 Commissioner Bessa
 Commissioner Griffith
 Commissioner Pritchard
 Commissioner Wolf

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Bessa made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2004 as amended.

Motion: Bessa
Second: Griffith
Carried: 5-0-2

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following people attended the Tree Commission meeting:

Kathy Leidich with the Town of Leesburg Executive Department
Gary Pritchard
Maureen & Erik Arnold of 18 Wilson Ave.
Peggy Coleman of 209 Pathway Ct., SW
Nagi Elsewaissi with the Town of Leesburg Capital Projects Management Department
Lee Phillips with the Town of Leesburg Planning and Zoning Department
Ken Bentley of 12 Wilson Ave
Carolann Duiven of 11 Wilson Ave
Lisa & Frank Ruggles of 10 Wilson Ave
Leigh McCarthy of 14 Wilson Ave
Ed Milhous of 6771 Jefferson Street, Haymarket, VA

Mr. Frank Ruggles came forward to speak about the trees on Wilson Ave.

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Commissioner Bessa moved that the agenda be amended to discuss New Business regarding Wilson/Pershing Capitol Improvement Project first.

Motion: Bessa
Second: Pritchard
Carried: 5-0-2

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Banks gave a description of the Wilson/Pershing Capitol Improvement Project regarding the trees that would be affected.

Mr. Nagi Elsewaissi of the Capital Projects Management Department for the Town of Leesburg described where the curb would be placed and stated that there are nineteen trees within the public right-of-way and five on private property that Mr. Banks created a report regarding these trees and eighteen of the trees in the public right-of-way were in good condition and one tree is decaying. The five trees on private property in Mr. Banks report stated that four of them are decaying and that one was in reasonably good condition.

The Tree Commission had a discussion with residents regarding the trees that would be affected regarding the Wilson/Pershing Capitol Improvement Project.

Commissioner Hower stated that the Town Council requested comments from the Tree Commission regarding the tree issues and that he would give a presentation to the Town Council at their next worksession.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Leidich Assistant to the Town Manager spoke to the Tree Commission regarding the National Christmas Tree Event.

Due to technical difficulty the minutes were not recorded from 9:33 to 10:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

Urban Forestry Master Plan

Sub-committees

Commission Planning Retreat

Plant a Tree For Me

COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

None

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STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hower had some comments regarding the Planning Commission Presentation and Sub Committees.

Commissioner Wolf had some comments regarding communication during project planning.

Commissioner Bessa thanked Gary Pritchard for doing the RFP and had some comments regarding Catoctin Circle Center project and lead time on Holiday Tree project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Griffith

Second: Bessa

Carried: 5-0-2

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester